



CIA Deputy Doubts Reds Will Start War

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By the Associated Press

Will Soviet Russia explode
Berlin crisis into World
War III?

The Central Intelligence
Agency is reasonably sure it
has the answer to that ques-
tion—and the answer, ap-
parently, is a cautious no.

Robert Amory, jr., CIA deputy
director for intelligence, says
the Russians "haven't got what
it takes rationally to challenge
us this spring."

on-the-record appraisal of So-
viet intentions in a recent,
little-publicized lecture at the
University of South Carolina.
It was his first public address
in four years.

Whether his statement re-
flects the CIA's official view,
as laid before President Eisen-
hower and the policy-shaping
National Security Council, is a
matter of conjecture. The CIA
rarely makes public utterances.

More Time Needed

Although the Soviet Union is
not ready to risk a major nu-
clear war over Berlin, he says,
Premier Khrushchev "expects
to force us to chicken out."

"If the West is resolute, then
I believe that the Soviet Union
—by hook or crook—will be
the one to back down."

The CIA deputy further de-
clares Soviet leaders were told
18 months ago that a 15-year
period of peace is imperative.

"Their economy is by no
means mobilized for war or
preparing for war," Mr. Amory
says.

Prediction Is Hedged

Mr. Amory hedges his bet on
the Kremlin's reluctance to pull
the trigger, to this extent: The
Soviets, he says, though not
ready, will fight if circum-
stances force a war.

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